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Chafee amendment could bring millions for Warwick Station

U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced in late February that the Senate has passed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Efficiency Act of 2004, including a provision he authored allowing Rhode Island to shift existing unused federal funds to the Warwick Station Project. The amendment could provide between \$30 and \$40 million in funds previously unavailable for use at Warwick Station, including construction of the proposed people mover between Warwick Station and Green Airport.

"When the Warwick Train Station is completed, it will be one of the first truly intermodal facilities in the country, combining Amtrak, the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and TF Green Airport into one seamless transportation system," Warwick Station Project," said Senator Chafee.



THE WARWICK TRAIN STATION Project, seen above in a rendering, got a boost from a recently passed U.S. Senate bill, with a Chafee amendment for additional funding.

The Snowman

By Colleen Dillard

Mike Scalzi of RIDOT Management Information Systems (MIS) has been dabbling in meteorology since he was a little boy.

When he was 10 years old, he was a regular over his school's intercom with the daily forecast. Mike's fascination with weather, especially snow and thunderstorms, has carried over into a full-blown adult hobby as an amateur weatherman.

Mike has lived in Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York, always acting as the local weather guy making northern winters his area of expertise. A lover of snow, Mike could not understand Rhode Islanders' dislike of the sight or even the idea of snow.



THUMBS UP: Mike Scalzi (*The Snowman*) has a fascination with snow and thunderstorms that began at a very young age.

He always wanted to know why it would rain instead of snow in the winter. This hobby led to the nickname, *The Snowman*.

For nearly five years, with a growing list of followers, Mike has been sending out daily e-mails of his forecast. It is second nature for him to predict the weather up to 15 days in advance based on today's technology available on the internet.

This enables Mike to add to his already vast pool of meteorological knowledge. Computers provide up-to-the-minute maps and live weather models in real time.

Unless he receives a special request Mike only predicts locally, although he has gotten requests for his forecast from as far away as the North Shore in Boston. He tries to compete with the local television forecasters for accuracy.

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Recycle this issue - pass it on!

From the Director's Office

James R. Capaldi, P.E., Director

First, I want to let all the RIDOT staff know how much I enjoyed hosting my New Year's breakfast. We had a good turnout, and we all enjoyed good company and good pastries. This is definitely a tradition I intend to continue through my tenure as director.

Next, I want you to know how RIDOT has fared in our state and federal budget negotiations. Unlike some other state government agencies, we have been level funded. No budget cuts have been proposed. With an additional \$50 to \$60 million in Garvee funds now available, we will be able to undertake additional construction work each year. In effect, the Garvee bond funds have given us eight to nine years of additional funding, and I look forward to an extremely active and busy department.

In more good news, we are working toward the possibility of adding additional fulltime equivalent (FTE) positions to facilitate this increase in the program level. Under this proposal, these personnel would work only on federally funded projects, and thus there would be no additional drain on state dollars. I expect we will be working toward establishing these positions over the next 12 months.

These FTE's may also help by backfilling positions in other sections, rather than trading positions between sections as has happened in the past.

As this newsletter goes to press, there is still no new Federal Highway Administration bill from the federal government. In my 34 years at RIDOT, I have never seen a wait this long for the determination of federal funding.

Recently I was in Washington, and while I was there, I learned that the basis of the problem is this: The Senate and House want to provide \$318 billion to fund the program, to be divided by the states over six years. The Bush Administration wants a \$256 billion program to be divided by the states over six years. The question is whether



RIDOT DIRECTOR James R. Capaldi, P.E., greets Department staff at his New Year's Breakfast.

funding the program at the higher level requires 'new' funding, such as an increase in the federal gas tax.

No matter how the dispute is resolved, Rhode Island finds itself in good condition with our new Garvee funding. I believe that our program initiatives will move forward as we have planned.

I'd like to address a couple of other issues that have come up. Many of you have encountered the new security measures in place at the Department of Administration. We are working toward setting up similar improvements in security within the Department of Transportation headquarters building. This may require the use of

one of our FTE's for a Capitol Police presence, and will require centralizing access to our building. The program will also include identification cards. We haven't worked out all of the details yet. For example, we are looking at the possibility of specifying cards for our regular 'guests,' such as representatives of construction companies and consulting engineers who visit frequently.

I also want to note the suggestions that came from the Governor's Fiscal Fitness effort that were directed at DOT. One proposal is to raise the fees for physical alteration permits. Another will have us try to keep the amount of overtime to an absolute minimum. There were also suggestions for reorganizations of sections such as Human Resources and Management Information Systems, but at this point the details have not been solidified.

Keep up the good work. I appreciate everything all of you have done for the department. Also, despite the best efforts of our own Snowman, my wish is "No more snow!"



GOOD COMPANY AND GOOD FOOD were the themes of the Director's party.

TMC assisted Massachusetts with Valentine's Day incident

RIDOT TMC and VHB consulting staff received a "Well done!" following their efforts to assist Massachusetts with a major incident on I-93 Northbound on Valentine's Day morning.

Said Paul Annarummo, Managing Engineer of the Traffic Management section, in a congratulatory memo, "I am very pleased you appreciate the crucial nature of your individual roles here in service to RIDOT. We are a team, not only by ourselves, but also with our neighboring states. We (RIDOT and VHB) are proud of the service we provide to the motoring public. That is increasingly evident in your work ethic and actions. Keep it up!"

At 7 a.m. that Saturday morning, Massachusetts' Traffic Operations Center called the TMC bridge to report a major incident on I-93 Northbound at the Braintree Split. All lanes of traffic were shut down. They asked specifically for RIDOT to put up signs providing advanced notification to travelers heading in that direction, and asking the public to seek alternate routes. The TMC Bridge agreed, and also posted notifications on the HAR system.

The Information Exchange Network played a vital role in keeping staff updated during the four-hour long incident. This allowed staff to update the TMC resources, keeping the public updated. Updates were also provided to the State Police, who were being bombarded by calls for information.

Twelve phone calls were received by the bridge, thanking RIDOT and the TMC staff for providing vital information. All the callers were heading toward the incident location. One said "It is refreshing to know that the DOT has maintained a 'hard work attitude' and that there are still state workers who have a passion to do their jobs, with a high level of professionalism." All the callers offered praise.

Leo Simoneau, a former firefighter on the TMC staff, said the management of the incident was "flawless. Not since my days on the Fire Department, have I seen such cooperation between different agencies."



IN HIS ELEMENT: Mike Scalzi of MIS, seen above, shoveling a roof after a recent storm, and right, long ago, enjoying his favorite element.

*** Snowman**

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and is often one up on them.

Mike had predicted the snowstorm on the weekend of December 5, 2003, while the local weather service was initially only calling for rain. Stacy Broziak, from the Governor's office, used that particular forecast to cancel a fundraiser scheduled for that weekend. Richard Fondi from Construction uses Mike's forecasts to schedule road repairs, and John Borek counts on him to plan when to plow the parking lot.

In addition to his forecasts, Mike is active in the community as a weather watcher. Mike's name is frequently among those seen on WJAR-TV Channel 10's Weather Watcher map, and R. J. Heim, for one, knows that Mike's a reliable contact to find out how much snow is on the ground in Cumberland.

Mike was trained by the National Weather Service to spot severe weather such as tornadoes, hail, or high winds, which he then calls in to the Service. He is also on call 24/7 to check for potential flooding of the Blackstone River in Cumberland.

Mike's daily forecasts currently go out to 60 people who then forward them to an unknown number of other fans. He has no plans to charge his customers a fee even though his hobby is often time consuming. It's also thankless when people do not like the forecast.

Mike is now shutting down for the season since winter is his true interest. He will be back in the fall to predict all of next year's storms. He said "I start giving some insight to seasonal changes about mid October to educate, leading up to the coming winter. People aren't too interested at that point, but if you mention snow early, you get their attention."

Mike's passion and long term dedication to his hobby was never more apparent than at his 25th high school reunion last year, when an old classmate inquired, "Are you still doing the weather?" To receive Mike's forecasts e-mail him at mscalzi@cox.net.

Capaldi honored by RISPE

RIDOT Director James R. Capaldi was named 2004 Engineer of the Year by the Rhode Island Society of Professional Engineers (RISPE). Reviewing Capaldi's professional history, the event program noted his first summer job at RIDOT in 1965, and said "We believe he caught the 'transportation virus' at that time." It also noted his achievements in his first year as Director, "despite facing extreme financial issues," in securing \$660 million in Garvee bond funding to insure the replacement of critical bridges.

In his remarks, Director Capaldi said his successes are "truly the result of a team effort."

All together now!

The recent White Topping project carried out on Route 116 at the Lincoln Mall is the first of its kind, an in-house project completed by a joint team from various RIDOT offices. The project was done start to finish in-house and is now substantially completed. Photo at right: Front row, left to right: Mona Manachi, Construction; Kate Hoffman Wilson, Highway Design; Colin Franco, Research; Tom Bushell, Traffic Engineering; top row, left to right: Richard Fondi, Construction; Francis Manning, Research; Bruce Vandale, Construction; Jose Lima, Research; Jan Bak, Materials; and Paul Petsching, Traffic Engineering. Mike Derotto of Highway Design and Norman Marzano of Construction were missing.



SEEING A SPECIAL PART OF RHODE ISLAND: Members of the newest class at Leadership Rhode Island enjoyed a recent tour of the Transportation Management Center.



TMC TOUR: The Safety Focus Group for the Transportation Plan Update recently enjoyed a tour of RIDOT's Transportation Management Center. Left to right are Walter Slocumb, Principal Planner for Statewide Planning; Sue Barker, a member of the Transportation Advisory Committee and Chair of the Safety Focus Group; Gabrielle Abbate representing Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Katherine Trapani, Supervising Planner with Statewide Planning; Cynthia Levesque, TMC Manager; and Robert Mackisey Rhode Island State Police Sergeant.

Tours a pleasure for TMC Manager

By Cynthia Levesque
TMC Manager

One of the more rewarding experiences associated with the Transportation Management Center (TMC) is providing visitors the opportunity to tour the facility. During the past two years especially, the TMC has become more proactive in managing the state's roadway system. This is true because we are now operating seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

The expanded operations have been complemented by the installation of 13 overhead dynamic message boards; the completed installation of real-time highway sensor technology equipment; the expanded highway advisory radio system; and the reinvigorated RhodeWatcher Program. It is easier now to explain that Intelligent Transportation Systems means more than just camera surveillance equipment, and that no one method alone can be expected to facilitate transportation management.

The systems now in the TMC, coupled with the people that run those systems efficiently and effectively are the reason that those touring the Center are coming to understand the importance of RhodeWays to our state and region.

Career Service Awards

Achievements reached August 2003-January 2004

Forty-Year Presentation

Alfred J. Dellaposta-Materials.

Thirty-Five Year Presentation

Edward F. Clark-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Lincoln Facility.

Thirty-Year Presentation

Ralph B. Altrui-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Headquarters; Joseph Caliri Jr.-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Headquarters; Carolyn M. Corey-Payroll; Don Muschiano-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Midstate Facility; Harold L. Seamans-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Belleville Facility; and Bruce L. Vandale-Construction.

Twenty-Five Year Presentation

William (Chuck) Alves-Office of the Director; Christine B. Giammarco-Highway Maintenance Headquarters; James Molloy-Highway & Bridge Maintenance Headquarters; Richard Nolan-Construction; James J. O'Connor Jr.-Real Estate; John J. Pilkington, Jr.-Construction; Karen A. St. George-Human Resources; Alfred M. Santoro-Highway & Bridge Maintenance; and Michael Senerchia-Highway & Bridge Maintenance-Midstate Facility.

Twenty Year Presentation

Joseph J. Amatore-Construction; Diane L. Badorek-Policy & Planning; Del J. Beauchene-Construction; John F. Braboy-Construction; George R. Broderick-Highway & Bridge Maintenance-E. Providence Facility; John R. Capelli-Construction; Nancy J. Capilli-Construction; George E. Corrente, Jr.-Construction; Carol A. Ferguson-Finals; Michael Foisey-Materials; Colin A. Franco-Research & Technology; Daniel J. Garrahy-Construc-



MAJOR CAREER AWARDS were presented for 35 years of service to Edward F. Clark of Highway & Bridge Maintenance's Lincoln Facility, left, and for 40 years of service to Alfred Dellaposta of RIDOT Materials, right. Dellaposta returned from retirement for the February 5 presentation by Director James R. Capaldi, center.



CAREER AWARDS for 30 years of service were presented by Director Capaldi, second from right, to Ralph Altrui of Highway & Bridge Maintenance Headquarters, left, Carolyn Corey of RIDOT Payroll, second from left, and Bruce Vandale of Construction, right.

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tion; Jean M. Heiss-Contracts & Specifications; Karen D. Hillman-Construction; Richard T. Kalunian-Real Estate; Joanne C. Kaczynski-Real Estate; Vincent C. Knox-Construction; Donald J. Lopes-Survey; Mona Manachi-Construction; Nicholas P. Melo-Materials; Dawud Munir-Survey; Donald C. Murphy-Construction; Francis J. Murphy Jr.-Survey; Richard T. Natale-Materials; Lisa M. Principe-Construction; Robert A. Recchia-Materials; Susan Shanley-Szala-Intermodal Planning; Mary J. Souza-External Audit; Sharon K. Stone-Environmental & Intermodal Planning; Bernard K. Sullivan-Construction; Nicholas A. Tella-Financial Management; Edward J. Vallette-Survey; Carlo Verrengia-Survey; and Cheryl A. Wilkes-Human Resources.

Fifteen Year Presentation

Charles A. Aube, Jr.-Construction; David W. Barnes-Construction; Joseph R. Brady-Highway Safety; Andrew S. Cardillo-Real Estate; Marina Carnevale-MIS; Ratana Chy-Federal Programs; Francine M. Colucci-Financial Management; David W. Cook-Materials; Jeffrey A. DiFilippo-Materials; David A. Doyle-Design; Terrence J. Greenlief-Survey; Townes (Tim) M. Harris III-Real Estate; John J. Jarbeau-Construction; Matthew J. Lang-MIS; Sheila A. MacColl-Real Estate; Cynthia A. McCarthy-Administrative Services; Salvatore Neri-Construction; Everett H. North-Real Estate; Thomas J. Queenan III-Intermodal Planning; Archie J. Renfrew-Highway & Bridge Maintenance-Headquarters; John T. Rugg-Construction; Kathy E. Smith-Highway Safety; Michael D. Sock-Research & Technology; Michael A. Studley-Construction; Anthony F. Tartaglia-Highway & Bridge Maintenance-Traffic; and Lambri Zerva-Design.

Ten Year Presentation

M. Emilie Holland-Environmental; and Linda L. Krajewski.



CAREER AWARDS FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE were presented to, left to right, Karen A. St. George of Human Resources; William (Chuck) Alves, Director's Office; Director James R. Capaldi, who made the presentations; Christine B. Giammarco of Highway Maintenance Headquarters; John J. Pilkington, Jr. of Construction; Richard Nolan of Construction; and James J. O'Connor Jr. of Real Estate.



THIRTY-FOUR EMPLOYEES were honored for completing 20 years of service to the State of Rhode Island.



ADAM'S APPLE CIDER was prepared as an example of a special no-alcohol Super Bowl beverage by members of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) at LaSalle Academy at a RIDOT Office on Highway Safety Press Conference.



CHOOSING TRAFFIC SAFETY POSTERS: Public safety officials and highways safety advocates served as judges of the annual AAA Traffic Safety Poster Contest. Participants were Carol Harmon of Rhode Island College's Art Department, David Schiapo of the RIDOT Office on Highway Safety, Paul Gagne of AAA Southern New England, Corporal Karen Pinch of the RI State Police, Joyce Richard of AAA Southern New England, and Officer Pam St. John of the North Attleborough Police Department. Local winners were selected and forwarded to Florida for national judging.

Project Undercover starts soon!

Keep a close watch for spring sales on childrens socks, underwear, and diapers and stock up, as the annual Project Undercover is about to begin. The drive, to provide these necessities for needy children, will run from April 3 to May 1. Drop-off points will be announced soon.

Tired mom seeking homes for beautiful kittens

Boone Soukamneuth, of RIDOT Highway & Bridge Maintenance Headquarters, has a cat named Mixie. Mixie gave birth to a litter of four (two



boys and two girls) in December. The perky kittens (see left) are old enough to go to their own homes now, or with those eyes, they may become the next PowerPuff trio. If you're interested in one of these beauties, give Boone a call at extension 4050.

RIDOT Blood Drive set for April 2 in Warwick

RIDOT will hold its annual Blood Drive on Friday, April 2, from 9 am to 2:30 pm, at Highway Maintenance Headquarters, 360 Lincoln Ave. (off Jefferson Blvd.) in Warwick. Organizers note that there is always a critical need for blood, and said the goal for the drive is to collect 80 pints of blood.

Donors must be 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in overall good health. Before donating blood, you should drink plenty of fluids and eat a meal or snack, but do not drink an excessive amount of caffeinated beverages. You can donate every eight weeks. Please remember the following facts:

- Rhode Island needs 240-280 pints of blood a day to ensure a safe supply just in the our hospitals.
- Blood is perishable – there are 3 blood products that are made from whole blood.
- Red cells are used in surgeries and cases of severe blood loss but last for only 42 days.
- Platelets are used to stop bleeding and last for 5 days
- Plasma is the "liquid" part of blood and suspends the red and white cells which are used for burns and shock. Plasma lasts for one year, frozen.
- Give the gift of life - give blood!

Traffic Design at the Alamo!



AT THE ALAMO: Despina Metakos and Bob Rocchio, of RIDOT Traffic Design, attended the 35th Annual American Traffic Safety Services Association Conference in San Antonio, Texas this winter and were able to visit the Alamo. The conference addressed the new Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and changes required by the new manual's section on accessibility in construction work zones. Despina says she was moved by the Alamo, "We should all remember that a group of men died there defending an ideal. The loss of their lives inspired others to fight for and win, freedom for the state of Texas."



Daffodil Days sets record

The Daffodil Days team would like to thank all those people who so generously donated to the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days Campaign this year, making it the best year ever. The team collected a total of \$1581. Diane Badorek and Jo Taylor were co-chairs for Daffodil Days. The following people were on the Daffodil Days team:

- Sue Shanley-Szala
- Mary Lee Newman
- Dorothy Bianchi
- Anita Tabellario
- Elaine Bowie
- Linda Pementell
- Camie Corrente
- Peggy Hebert
- Carol Stravato
- Deborah Cameron
- Pamela Moscarelli

THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND Intermodal Planning Office held an elaborate, multi-course buffet party for Barbara Crawford. A highlight of the party was a proclamation from Governor Carcieri marking her service to the state. Henry Crawford, at left, applauds, and his wife, Barbara, center, smiles, as Steve Devine, right, hands her the proclamation.

Saying so long

Retirees and new hires at RIDOT

Retirees this winter at the Rhode Island Department of Transportation included Serafin Evora of Administrative Services, Thomas A. Conboy of Traffic Design, Andrew L. Baptista of Finals, Joseph C. D'Ambra of Highway & Bridge Maintenance-TMC, Barbara J. Crawford and Carl Passarelli of Intermodal Planning, Alfred J. DellaPosta and Beverly Watkins of Materials, Brenda H. Myette of Policy & Planning, Mario Marcaccio of MIS/GIS and Everett H. North of Real Estate.

New hires included Brian S. Davies of Audit, Marie A. Evans of Environmental, James A. Barber, Randy C. Brackett, Peter T. Cordeiro, Joseph J. Giammarco, Anthony Horne, Brian A. Howie, Gerald R. McLaughlin and John E. Shadoian, all of Highway and Bridge Maintenance.



FLOWERS WERE THE GIFT OF CHOICE for retiring Brenda Myette, seen here at a Policy & Planning Office party in her honor. Left to right, Josephine Taylor-Prata, Brenda Myette, Diane Badorek and Bob Letourneau.



SAYING SO LONG (until the Career Awards, that is). A retirement party was held December 18 at Lombardi's 1025 Club in Johnston for Al DellaPosta, who had reached 40 years of service at RIDOT Materials. Over 250 people attended the party. Guest speakers were Paul MacDonald, Mike Gammino, Paul McEnanly, William Carcieri and Director James Capaldi. Seen above, left to right, are Mike Gammino, DellaPosta, Director James Capaldi, and Mark Felag, Chief of Materials.

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'LEGIT' COOKIES HERE: Just in case you thought of buying some other kind of cookie, a sign on the door to the office let everyone know that "legal" Girl Scout cookies were available in the RIDOT Legal Office.



LIVING DOLL: Molly Ann, above, was born September 27, 2003 to Kelly Presley (Environmental and Intermodal Planning) and her husband Fred.



DREAM BABY: Ronnie Edmond's newborn, above, Miyah Trinity, sleeps peacefully, at least for the camera. Miyah was born February 4.

Babies



HEADED FOR THE TOP: Arturo, above, is the 11-month-old son of Maria Ramirez (Administrative Services) and her husband Francisco. Maria says "Arturo plans to be the RIDOT Director in 2025. Watch out to all his future competitors. Arturo will be tough competition!!!"

Scholarship Fund to begin accepting applications April 10

The RIDOT Memorial Scholarship Fund will award 10 scholarships in 2004, including nine RIDOT Memorial Scholarships and one William G. Hackett Memorial Scholarship.

The scholarships are awarded to children of current RIDOT employees, while the William G. Hackett Memorial Scholarship is awarded to the child of any RIDOT employee who passed away while working for the Department.

Applications are accepted between April 10 and May 1, 2004. Students pursuing higher education are eligible for the awards, whether they will attend college, technical or vocational school. Only undergraduate students for the 2004-2005 school year are eligible for the awards.

To qualify for a scholarship, applicants must be seniors in high school who will be entering a school of higher learning in the Fall of 2004, or current undergraduate students. The application consists of a one or two page essay about the applicant. It must contain the following:

- Applicant's Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- E-mail Address
- Name of the School Attending
- Area of Study

The essay should be double spaced and be free of spelling errors. Scholarships will be awarded in the order they are received. Please do not submit essays prior to April 10.

Applications should be sent to RIDOT Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Despina Metakos, Two Capitol Hill, Room 231-D, Providence, RI 02903

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VISITING PERU: Mark Felag and his 10-year-old son Nick are seen above at Machu Picchu in Peru in February. Mark and his wife Adela traveled with a crew including their children Nick, Elizabeth, Jack and Kate; Adela's mother; Mark's brother Wally, and Wally's sons Jake and Zeke. The group went to Peru to visit Adela's brother Lucien, a journalist who has been living in Peru for 14 years. Says Mark "We had a great time seeing the sights and seeing how he lives! We met many wonderful people! We also got to see and visit with some of the poorer people at a 'daycare' for children and by working serving food at a senior center in an area where there are no paved roads. Some of these people do not have any sewers, water, nor electricity. The warmth of these people to myself and my family was priceless."

Best in State Employees Art Show

Governor Donald L. Carcieri presented the "Governor's Award" for best in show to Katherine Meyer, a retired Department of Transportation employee, for her charcoal drawing entitled "Below the Ridge" on display at the State Employees Art Show. Meyer retired from RIDOT several years ago in order to pursue her art talent fulltime.

This year's show was the seventh annual State Employees' Art Show, open to current and retired state employees. Sandra Nadeau, of RIDOT Special Projects, had two works on display. One was a multi-colored quilt with a backing of dark green, called "Magic Carpet" made using the bargello technique. The second was a picture of a peacock, done in counted cross-stitch on 28 gauge canvas.



BEST IN SHOW: Governor Carcieri congratulates Katherine Meyer, a retired RIDOT Employee, for taking the top prize at the State Employees Art Show.

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